



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Total Maximum Daily Load Information Sheet

North Fabius River

Waterbody Segment at a Glance:

County: Marion
Nearby Cities: Taylor, Maywood
Length of impairment: 82 miles
Pollutant: Manganese
Source: Natural



TMDL Priority Ranking: Low

Description of the Problem

Beneficial uses of North Fabius River

- Livestock and Wildlife Watering
- Protection of Warm Water Aquatic Life and Human Health associated with Fish Consumption
- Irrigation
- Drinking Water Supply
- Boating and Canoeing

Use that is impaired

- Protection of Warm Water Aquatic Life
- Drinking Water Supply

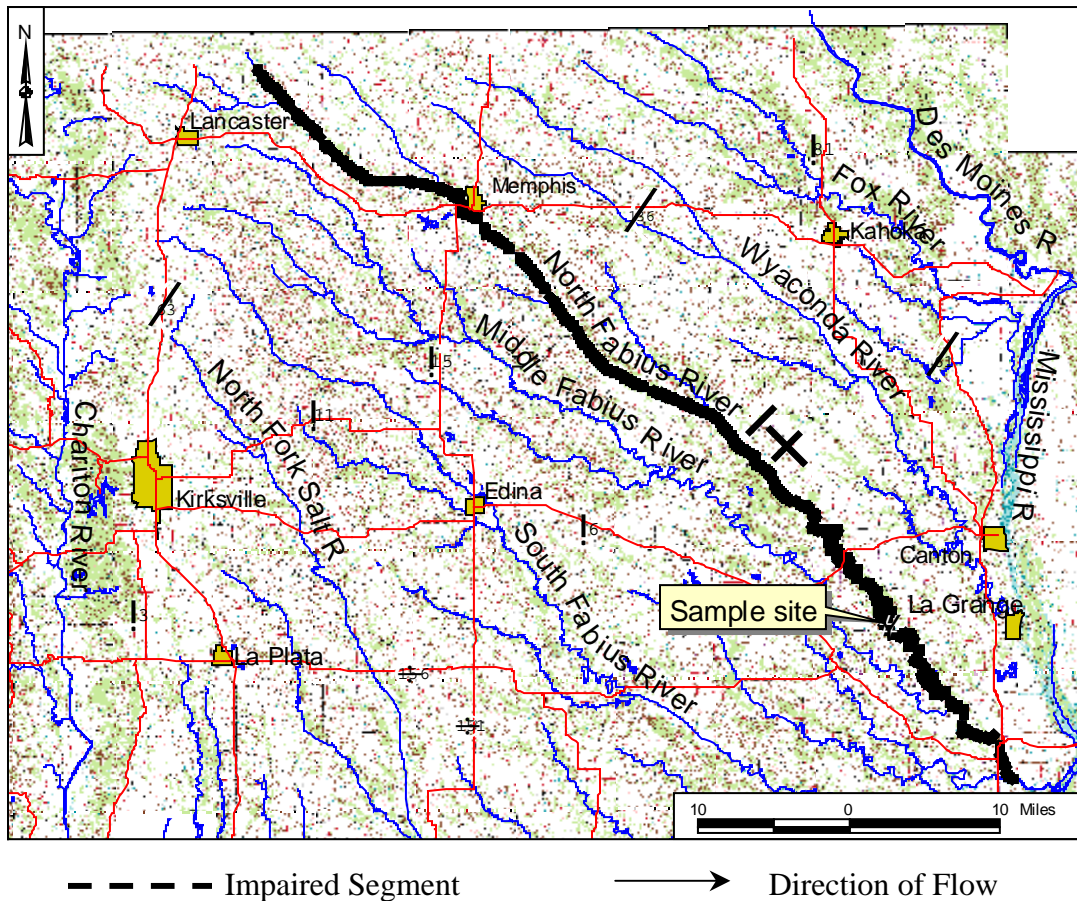
Standards that apply

- Missouri Water Quality Standards in 10 CSR 20-7.031 Table A give 50 µg/L as the maximum amount of manganese allowed for Drinking Water Supplies. This is an aesthetic standard that seeks to protect a water supply against possible taste, odor and laundry staining problems caused by excessive amounts of manganese. Exceedence of this standard is not a threat to human health.

Monitoring of the North Fabius River near Ewing, Missouri in 2000 has shown an average level of dissolved manganese of 136 ug/L (based on 3 individual samples). There are no known significant man-made sources of manganese in this watershed. The source of the manganese is believed to be natural weathering and erosion of earth materials (soils and sub-soils) in this watershed. Several other streams in Northeastern Missouri also have elevated levels of dissolved manganese.

Manganese does not present any human health hazards, but is responsible for offensive tastes and appearances in drinking water, as well as staining laundry and fixtures. It can react with tannins in coffee, tea and in other beverages, producing a black sludge, which affects both taste and appearance. Manganese causes a brownish-black staining of laundry, porcelain, dishes, utensils and glassware. Soaps and detergents do not remove the stains, and use of chlorine bleach can intensify the stains. Manganese can build up in pipelines, pressure tanks, water heaters and water softeners and cause equipment problems and energy cost increases due to mineral deposits.

Map of Impaired Segment of North Fabius River Showing Sampling Site



Dissolved Manganese in sample site of North Fabius River

Date	Dissolved Manganese (µg/l)
5/25/2000	107
8/31/2000	79
11/28/2000	222
3/8/2001	254
6/22/2001	4
9/10/2001	26

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